(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken against them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Two cases of fake lubricating oil have come to notice in Delhi. Government have no knowledge about fake filters.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In one case, two persons were arrested. Subsequently, on their interrogation, police raided spurious lubricant factory and seized some packs of lubricants of various companies, filling machine, empty cartons, labels etc.

In the second case one shop was found to be selling spurious servo super oil. IOC Delhi Division has lodged a complaint at Vasant Vihar Police Station, New Delhi against the seller.

Defective CNG Dispensers Installed in Delhi

2997. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CNG dispensers installed by Indraprastha Gas Limited at various CNG stations in the capital have been found to be defective;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken/propose to take any action against the foreign company which supplied defective CNG dispensers;

(c) whether due to installation of defective CNG dispensers, the CNG vehicles are being supplied unmetered gas; and

(d) if so, the detials thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) No, sir. However, few complaints regarding unmetered CNG dispensing were received by IGL at some of the outlets, which were attended to immediately.

(d) Surprise checks are conducted by IGL through their consultant M/s Mecon and strict action taken against the individuals involved in the supply of unmetered gas. Also, the matter has been taken up with the supplier of the dispensers for providing additional provisions in the dispensers.

Financial Performance of IOCL, BPCL and HPCL.

2998. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum's quarterly results show down turn in their profits for the quarter ended September, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government plan to assist these oil majors to remain profitable units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corproation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corproation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporaiton Limited have reported shortfall in their net profits in the quarter ending September 2001 during the current financial year compared to the corresponding period of previous year.

This shortfall has been mainly due to factors such as lower refining margins, fall in demand of petroleum products etc.

Government have been taking a number of measures to assist these oil PSUs to remain profitable. Measures taken in this direction, *inter alia,* include the following:—

(i) Review of their performances periodically.

(ii) Review of ongoing projects periodically.

(iii) Constantly emphasizing the need for various measures to be taken by oil PSUs to improve their productivity and quality of products and have higher value realisation.

(iv) Constantly emphasizing the need for various cost control